



UTAH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ARTS, & LETTERS

2016 AWARDS NIGHT



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Awards Program

President's Welcome Jonathan Westover

Recognition of Retiring & Incoming Officers

Presentation of Best Paper Awards Laine Berghout
and Division Chairs

Presentation of Academy Fellow Jonathan Westover

Recipient: Dr. L. Dwight Israelsen – USU

Musical Performance UVU Men's Choir
Reed Criddle, Conductor

Meeste laul ([Two Estonian] Men's Songs)
Meeste laul (Men's Song)
Tantsulaul (Dancing Song)

Veljo Tormis

Nana de Sevilla (from Canciones Españolas Antiguas)
Conner Leavitt, tenor

Fedrico Garcia Lorca, arr. by Reed Criddle

Even When He is Silent

Kim André Arnesen

MLK
Jordan Conover, baritone

U2, arranged by Bob Chilcott

Presentation of Honorary Member Rachel Keller

Recipient: Diana Major Spencer

Keynote Address Diana Major Spencer

“How a Run-down Theatre Became an Academic Pursuit”

Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters Outstanding Paper Awards 2016

Biological Sciences (Laurie Mauger)

X-ray Analysis of Lead(II) Binding to Haloferax volcanii Malate Synthase

Michael Adams and Bruce Howard. Southern Utah University.

Business (Taowen Le)

Exploring Shifting Global Labor Management Practices and Comparative Job and Life Satisfaction

Bergen Eskildsen, Joe Light, Kaitlin Carlisle, and Jonathan H. Westover. Utah Valley University

Engineering (Doran Baker)

Fabrication of Dye Sensitized Solar Cells Using Native and Non-Native Nanocrystals in Ferritin as the Dye

Alessandro Perego, Cameron Olsen, J. Ryan Peterson, Kameron Hansen, John S. Colton, Richard K Watt. Brigham Young University.

Letters: Humanities, Philosophy, & Foreign Language (Jason Goltz)

That's Rich: Survival at the Tudor Court.

Joshua Wiggins. Southern Utah University.

Letters: Language & Literature (Keith Lawrence)

"Thy Placeless Power": Melville, Mobility, And The Poetics Of Placelessness

Todd Goddard. Utah Valley University.

Physical Sciences (Chris Monson)

Lyman- α Emission from an Infant Black Hole in the Early Universe

Brandon K. Wiggins, Joseph M. Smidt, Jarrett L Johnson. Southern Utah University.

Dr. Diana Major Spencer, Honorary Member

With a 25-year academic career spanning forty years and three institutions, Diana Major Spencer always included public service and nonprofit board service among her activities. In 1975, she left the University of Utah to relocate to Sanpete County, unwittingly becoming unemployable because of a combination of both over- and under-qualification. Yet her passion for teaching prompted several years of freelance teaching, offering credit through U of U Continuing Education and choosing Shakespeare as her topic to attract locals who might want to visit the Utah Shakespeare Festival (USF) in Cedar City. Diana's newspaper ad triggered an invitation from USF to write an article for the 1979 Festival, which initiated a now 38-year series of 2–3 annual articles and nearly two years of full-time employment (1989-90). Meanwhile, she has served on the following boards: South Sanpete School Board, Sevier Valley ATC, Utah Humanities Council (1 year as Acting Assistant Director during Cynthia Buckingham's 1989 leave), Utah Academy (Chair of Languages and Literature), Utah Alliance for Arts and Humanities Education, Utah Nonprofits Association, and Traditional Building Skills Institute, Snow College. She also served on grant panels for the Utah Arts Council, along with selection committees for the Governor's Awards in the Arts and Utah's Poet Laureate.

Dr. Spencer retired in 2005 from Snow College as Professor of English and Dean of Humanities Emerita after 15 years, during which she upgraded the Convocation program from a random, monthly, low-attendance program to a weekly, for-credit, academically worthy lecture/performance series with 300+ students enrolled. In 2004, she and her collaborator, Gunnison native Lori C. Nay, established a nonprofit to purchase, restore, and supplement the offerings of a 92-year-old Beaux Arts-style theatre in Gunnison.

Dr. L. Dwight Israelsen, Academy Fellow

Professor of Economics, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, Utah State University

Dr. L. Dwight Israelsen is Professor of Economics, Director of Academic Programs and Initiatives in China, and Director of International Academic Initiatives in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University, where he has taught for 36 years. He earned a B.A. in Economics from USU, studied Slavic Languages at Harvard, and earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has taught economics for more than 45 years since his first academic appointment at MIT. He also taught and conducted research at Harvard and BYU. Over his career, he has won more than two dozen awards for outstanding teaching and research, including 8 Best Paper Awards from Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters. Dr. Israelsen's research covers a wide variety of topics in economics, including comparative economic systems, microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory and policy, incentives and behavior in economic organizations, economic history of Russia and the American West (including Mormon economic history), econometric theory, and most recently, demographic economics. His research is represented by more than 300 articles, books, and presentations at professional meetings. He has published articles in the top-ranked *American Economic Review* and seminal articles on the theory of producer cooperatives (*Journal of Comparative Economics*) and income distribution measurement theory (*Advances in Econometrics*) among others.

At USU, Professor Israelsen has taught more than 40 different courses that span the entire curriculum, from economic principles courses to Ph.D. courses in economic theory. His teaching awards at USU include 8 Teacher of the Year Awards from the Department of Economics and Finance, 4 Teacher of the Year Awards from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, and 4 Teaching Excellence Awards from Utah State University. In addition, he received the Professor of the Year Award and the Hall of Fame Award from the President's Leadership Council. He has been very active in international education and has negotiated cooperative agreements between USU and universities in Russia, Ukraine, Thailand, and China. As Director of Academic Programs in China, he supervises USU's Bachelor's Degree in Economics with almost 1,000 students at 4 locations in Mainland China and Hong Kong. In addition to his academic work, Dr. Israelsen has been consultant to a variety of entities, ranging from private firms to municipalities, Indian tribes, non-profit groups, and government agencies.

Professor Israelsen has been active in a number of professional organizations and has found some of his greatest professional and personal satisfaction from his association with the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, its officers and members. In the 40 years since 1976, he has presented 47 papers at UASAL meetings and has published 18 articles in the Utah Academy journal. In addition, he served as an officer (Chair of Business Division, President, and Member-at-Large) on the UASAL Board for the 20-year period beginning in 1997 and ending this year. Dr. Israelsen and his wife JillAnn have 6 children and 17 grandchildren. His hobbies include hunting, traveling, painting, and writing poetry.